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Attorney Docket No. 21402-251 (Cura-551)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Rastelli and Guo (*as amended*)
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/055,877 EXAMINER: Moran, Marjorie A
FILING DATE: January 22, 2002 ART UNIT: 1631
FOR: NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODED THEREBY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement, mailed December 19, 2003, in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before Monday June 21, 2004 (June 19, 2004 occurring on a Saturday). Check No. 18859 in the amount of \$1,005.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5).

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-251 (Cura-551). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

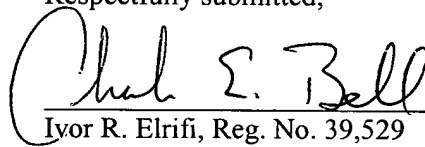
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